

SECRETARY OF STATE[721]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 47.1 and 17A.3, the Secretary of State hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 21, “Election Forms and Instructions,” and Chapter 28, “Voter Registration File (I-Voters) Management,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These amendments are necessary to establish a formal procedure for investigating and resolving complaints and information received by the Secretary of State involving but not limited to the following subject matters: election administration, voter registration, absentee voting, fraudulent voting and electioneering. The Secretary of State is the chief state election official and has a legal obligation to oversee the conduct of elections in the state by county election commissioners. The Secretary of State is also the state registrar of voters and has a legal obligation to regulate the preparation, preservation and maintenance of voter registration records in the state. The Secretary of State is further authorized to issue notices of technical infractions when the Secretary becomes aware of an apparent violation of the election and voter registration provisions contained in Iowa Code chapters 39 through 53.

Any interested person may make written suggestions or comments on the proposed amendments on or before August 28, 2012. Written suggestions or comments should be directed to Sarah Reisetter, Director of Elections, Office of the Secretary of State, First Floor, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

Persons who want to convey their views orally should contact the Secretary of State’s office by telephone at (515)281-0145 or in person at the Secretary of State’s office on the first floor of the Lucas State Office Building.

Requests for a public hearing must be received by August 28, 2012.

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 0272C**. The purpose of this Notice is to solicit comment on that submission, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 39 through 53.